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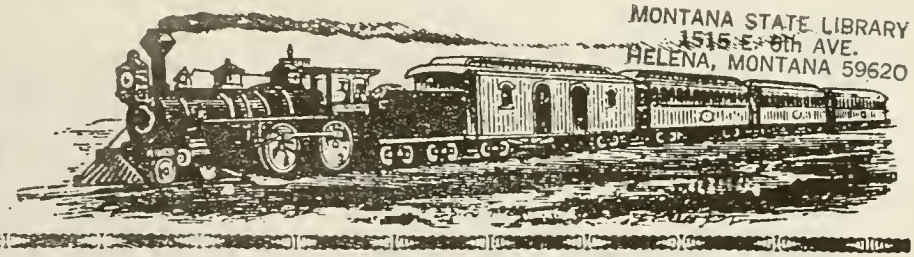

MSP CHANGES

by Bill Leininger

Tennyson once said, "The old order changeth, yielding to the new". That pretty much sums up the situation at Montana State Prison at present, for the past few months, and probably for a few months to come. With the term 'warden' a thing of the past, other job titles have faded away into limbo. A few new faces have appeared on the Administrative staff along with staffers that we are familiar with but who have assumed new duties.

A roster at the top looks like this:Rick Day, Director of Institutions and Human Services; Mickey Gamble, Corrections Division Administrator; Jim Pomroy, Bureau Chief; Mike Ferriter, Bureau Chief; Gary Weer, Bureau Warden; Mike Mahoney, Bureau Warden; Steve MacAskill, Bureau Warden; Noel Davidson, Security Manager; Myron Beeson, Security Manager.

On a different level some familiar faces have new job titles. I.E., Sgt. Pohjola (Unit C), Sgt. Cook (Unit B), Sgt. Cozby (Transportation) are now unit counselors. Similar changes are taking place on w weekly, if not daily, basis. It reminds a person of the old Abbott and Costello comedy routine: "Who's on first?". The terms 'correctional officer' and 'sergeant' seem to be old hat now while we hear a lot about 'correctional supervisors', 'unit managers' and 'correctional technicians'. And the beat goes on..and on, and on. Even the word 'inmate' is not sacrosanct, being slowly replaced by (Lord help us!) 'client'.

Three transitional meetings have been conducted by press time and others will be scheduled. These large meetings with administrative staff and department heads have been interspersed with smaller sessions between Mr. Gamble and prison personnel or interviews for new job openings. By the time of the next Express it is to be hoped that all positions will be filled and we will be able to print some photos of the new/familiar faces as well as exactly what duties belong to what person.

The top corrections decision-makers seem eager to receive input from any and all prison personnel; security, department heads, labor supervisors as well as the officers, clerks and counselors. This is a positive approach and will help prevent 'the baby being thrown out with the bath water'.

Also being hashed over at the present time is 'prison policy'. This item can be more important than the people who will have to do the implementation, and will certainly have a lasting effect on us 'client' type people. Items such as good-time, parole qualifications, labor pay, medical attention and disciplinary should receive intensive scrutiny with common sense solutions as an end result.

Any old-timer at MSP will probably shrug his shoulders and say, "In the long run, what difference will it make; hope for the best, but by Gawd, prepare for the worst."

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COMMENTARY

NEW CHANGES / OLD WAYS

JT THOMPSON

HURRY UP - AND WAIT!!! Sounds real familiar to vets, both of the Armed Services and other institutions, now during the 'transitional period' within the Department of Corrections and the Montana State Prison the older and more time tried slogans of **'WAIT AND SEE'** and **'MAYBE'** develop greater wisdom. I'll develop my own opinions and maybe they will coincide with yours-

PAROLES: Some months ago the Legislature passed HB 684 which we all believed to be the 'right thing' to enforce a cap on the prison, remember? J.'Mickey' Gamble was going to make this happen, right? If the parole board didn't like it they'd be replaced, sure enough.

1) The population goes beneath 1150 and the current administration announces we 'are approaching the ceiling', it is impressive that the administration has made more press releases than inmate releases.

2) The numbers of persons getting 'blocks of good time' are being held to persons that enable the administration to look good in the press releases - the only sure thing about the blocks of good time is that they do exist, if Records doesn't subvert the intentional 180 days to 90 days by doing the fancy 'pencil pushing' they are renown for.

3) The parole board **IS** allowing persons to go to board early - then putting their release off for an additional 4 months through one device or another. Interstate agreements, program participation (which caused this massive number), you name it and they'll use it.

CONCLUSION: Same game / new name!!! The institution is merely paying 'lip-service' to the laws and legislative intents. It is now and will continue to be **'BUSINESS AS USUAL'**.

There are many conditions that are being 'understated' within the institution but mostly within the medical/dental practice, or generally the infirmary. To individually assert the wrongs of the staff is redundant, time-consuming and would probably be 'censured' out of this article so again I'll merely develop my own opinions and maybe we'll gain feedback.

1) T.B., we have all either gotten or have neighbors that have gotten replies from the infirmary stating 'there is no active tuberculosis within the institution', right? From my little spot on the yard and in my respective (not respectable) place of employment I have a growing list of persons that have contracted T.B. since incarceration, amazing, and the infirmary seems unaware!! Recent medical digests list T.B. as one of the few ailments on the increase after decades of decline, listing jails and prisons as one of the **MAJOR** areas of contamination and causes.

It is asserted by the infirmary that casual contact does not cause or allow contamination, however, for the initiated Tuberculosis is spread **EXACTLY** the same way as the flu and cold.

I do not want to alarm you but I do wish to cause you to think - HARD, take care of yourself because no one else will.

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PAINTERS

In left and right photos, brush-wielders go into action. At center in center photo, boss-man Merle Morman confers on a project.

ELECTRICIANS

Break for lunch. At far right, supervisor Mike Regan checks out a needed part.

I have been quietly observing the bills enacted by this past Legislative Session to address the over-population problem we have in both male and female prisons. I have closely watched the movement sheets and the action the Parole Board has taken since the bills were passed. I know that diverting some people through the plan to have judges sentence non-violent people to Halfway houses isn't going to dent our prison population. Unless new halfway houses are constructed they can only hold so many inmates. So what avenue must we ask is the proper way to get the population down to the targeted number Of 850?

It is obvious unless the Parole Board lets out more inmates the population will not change. Politics and economics cannot continue to be factors that have more priority then does rehabilitation and common sense. What doesn't make sense to me is the Legislature in their new goodtime amendment gives this institution the authority to give certain inmates goodtime up to any amount to become eligible for parole. I must ask what good is this bill unless the parole board under their legal duties decides the inmate should be paroled. Giving some inmates 180 days for discharge purposes is not going to have any effect either. I see no change in attitude by the parole board staff since these new bills went into effect. There has been a 500% incarceration increase in this country in the last 12 years. By far the most in the world! There is no reflection that the trend to keep people in prison longer has any relation to the crime rate. In fact it's went up.

Personally I see myself as a victim of social sadism which they call "justice." I committed a property crime (burglary) where I caused a store owner some damage and a few hours of trouble. He wanted me out of prison 7 years ago!! He has no input now or when I was sentenced. For the trouble I have caused him the justice system has now inflicted 79,200 hours of punishment on me at the cost of approximately $200,000.00 to the taxpayers. Conditioned ignorance cannot be vitiated unless the people who operate our system are in touch with compassion and not driven by apathetic impulses which are the direct result of fear! Mercy is a human trait which has been smothered by a mental conception of discipline empty of empathy. Law and Order per se is deviod of any emotional quality so in order tosatisfy the vindictive thirst of society created by political and moral manipulation it overkills. And it goes unseen and unfelt by those responsible for fueling the fires of hysteria through their media relationship.

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MURPHY'S LAW (continued from preceding page)

Someone will always be around to convince people that social cruelty is humane if it is done to evil people. They will always justify themseleves, but truth knows that things such as money and power unable exceptions to be made. The arbitary treatment goes un-noticed. And although I know I am certainly not sinless, I do have the analytical vision to see through deciet. For that I am very rich. I came into this world with nothing and like everyone else I will leave with nothing, but througout my life I never thought without thinking, I never seen without looking, and I never heard without listening...My only gratitude and my only motives have been altruistic. I might not have saved anyone since I've been here but I have helped some by redistributing power over us that had been wrongly used. I will always speak out when I have something to say. If I see this population down to 850 by July of 94, I will be very surprised. (By Kevin Murphy, legal clerk)

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GED GRADUATES

Education Director Jack Powers has announced that the following men passed the GED exams in August: Frank Allen, Tracy Becker Eddie Beckman, David Bower, Michael Brown, Richard Decker, Jeremiah Johnson, Jody Lilly, John Lorenz, Carlos Maldonadom Tracy Marx, Mark Nakata, William Rolfe, Cliff Stout, Andres Waibel, Daniel Walker.

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VISITORS FROM AFAR

Most visitors to MSP are relatives from within the state of Montana, from 5/300 miles away. A few more come from the lower 48, 500/1500 miles. A record of some sort was set this past July when Christina Ouimette and her three children, Emil, Maja and Mira from Lidingo, Sweden, traveled about 6,000 miles to visit Dave Madera. Christina works at a hospital and helps edit the magazine "The Fourth World," which concerns indigenous peoples. She and her children had a great time sampling America. Her photo is on page 13, middle right.

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IT'S EXPRESS TIME

This issue we are calling the oto edition for obvious reason Some pix on various department workers; photos of activities the MSP campus; requested phot of Education staff and what th teach exactly; a touch of poet and art; and of course comment ry on what's happening here at the institution.

LOW-SIDE COPS POWER MEET

The annual High-Low powermeet, sponsored by the MSP Bar Bell Club, was held May 22nd at the High-Side Gym with the Low-side Muscleman coming out as the winners. Stats on the top lifters are as follows:

	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
132 lb class				
(1) Stacy Hall	370	245	400	1065
148 lb class				
(1) Les Thomas	375	265	425	1065
(2) Pat Turner	315	185	375	850
(3) Rick Castro	200	225	300	725
165 lb class				
(1) Jerry Klobertanz	500	260	500	1165
(2) Rob Desjarlais	350	250	480	1080
(3) Lenny Rich	300	265	360	925
181 lb class				
(1) Red Satler	440	325	400	1165
(2) James Bowers	450	205	460	1115
(3) Spud Anderson	380	275	400	1055
198 lb class				
(1) Ken Miller	570	370	600	1540
(2) Bill Snyder	465	300	500	1265
(3) Jon Adams	410	220	500	1130
220 lb class				
(1) Vern Lindermulder	520	375	550	1445
(2) Ron Street	455	340	600	1395
(3) Don Bishop	510	345	525	1380
242 lb class				
(1) Mark Demeyers	575	355	620	1550
(2) Mark Owens	330	320	420	1070
(3) Tom Holiday	320	360	300	980
Super Heavyweights				
(1) Jack "Attack" Webb	355	255	515	1125
(2) Don Black	400	320	400	1120

"All Around Best Lifter" from 0 to 181 lbs. was Jerry "The Hitman" Klobertanz. "All Around Best Lifter" from 181 lbs. to the super heavys was Ken "The Mash'em All" Miller. Ken also captured the "All Around Best Bench Press," "All Around Best Squat," and also the "All Around Best Deadlift" titles. All "All Around" titles are figured with the "Methods for Determining Merits of Powerlifting Accomplishments." This method was developed by Dr. Lyle Schwartz, Prof. of Materials, Science, and Engineering. It is commonly refered to as the "Schwartz Formula."

Team points are given to each team for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Lowside got 6 first places (18 points), 6 second places (12 points), and 3 third places (3 points), while the Highside got 2 first places (6 points), 1 second place (2 points), and 3 third places (3 points). Total team points were: Low-side 33, High-side 11. A special thanks to Lowside sponsor T. Wilkinson, an Highside sponsor P. Huber. Thanks also for our Scorekeepers, Spotters, Loaders and Judges. Team Trophy is on display in the Low Side Gym. Better luck next time for the High Side.
(Mark DeMers, Bar Bell Club Reporter).

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RANCH

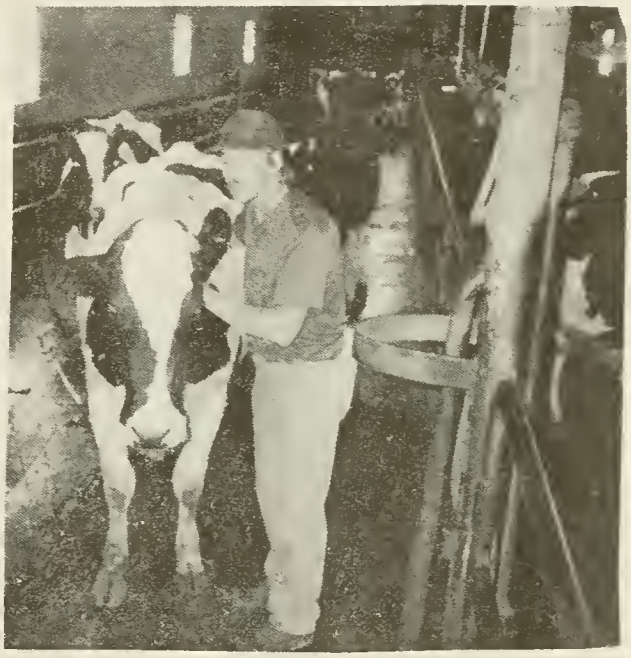
BRANDING TIME

The beef herd at MSP consists of 1,400 critters - plus bulls and calves gives at total of approximately 4,000 head.

DAIRY

MILKING TIME

The dairy herd at MSP runs between 270 and 300 head. Add the young stock and the total comes to about 500.



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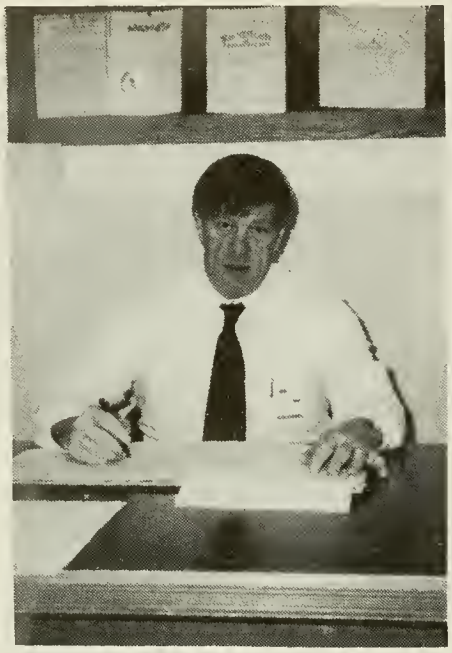

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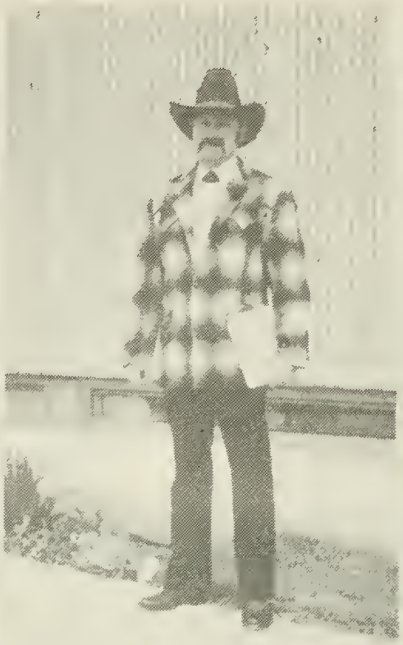
Hearing Officer



LARRY BEARLEY
Hearing Officer

ROBERT MCNALLY
Investigative Officer

SGT. ROBERT MORANI
Transportation Officer

JERRY BEASLEY
Reception Correctional
Technician

HIGH SIDE ULTREYA OPEN HOUSE

Bob McNally receives award from Dewey Coleman and Tom Englert.

Award to Sam Williamson.

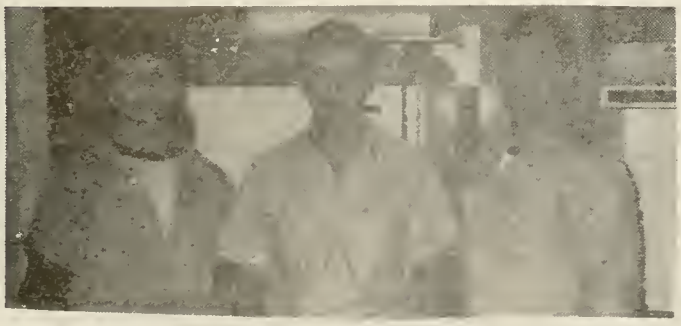
"Babe" also receives award.

Outside team members Lester Crazy Boy and Sam with James Allen.

Rick Worden serves chow.

"Freeman on the sax"

Mike McDermott, Mike Marshall with family and friends.



Team members Ken Miller, Gary Duff, George DeMers.

Bob Benton with outside team members.

ART

by Irene Roberts, W.C.C.

POETRY

THE NIGHT BEFORE FOOTBALL

by Joe Torney

Twas the night before football and all thru Z block
they had us locked down tight as a rock.
From Duffy to Buffy or thats 1 thru 7
and John in the jack shack and that ones heaven.

First there's Joe on leave from D.C.
got popped for some smack and got 3.
With him is Duffy-long hair and beard
got P.V. I guess-least that's what I heard.

We skip 2 for now and move down to three
two's where we live-daddy Brian and me.
But right next door is our bud Pat
broke his parole and forgot to scat.

He plays crib and sings a bit
sure is fun to watch him fish.
But moving on to 2 chaps in 4
I don't know much-so there ain't no more.

But just to make up-we'll move on to six
that's Tracy's house-can he jive and mix.
He tells you a story-sings ya a song
keep ya laughin' and snorting all night long.

Rawhide and big rigs and Chevy pickups too
storys and jokes on his brothers so true.
He's going to C-Unit-the whole world know
sure will miss his yores of woe.

Dominick and the new kid living in five
listening and chuckling to Tracy's jive.
Pretty quiet pair or so it seems
hoping for low-side and those blue jeans.

And down there in 7 so far away
is our buddy Buffalo-redskin, brown eyes they say.
And a long tall drink of water-a tall can
a dude I nick named Tonka Man.

Now back to 2-poet Laweate's cage
writing these funnies, page for page.
Brian here too-he's a good old chap
hanging some paper was his sad rap.

This here's a story of just how it goes
for me mates and me here on fish-row.
Yeah this here's a tale cause we can't get none
Brian won't give it up, so I'm going home.

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MSP CONDOMINIUMS

Spectacular mountain views - Bed and breakfast - Large dining facility - Around the clock security - Exclusive neighborhood - No down payments - Designed to last a lifetime - Bars in every room.

To make arrangements see you local prosecutor and district judge.

(submitted by Wild Bill)

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ART POETRY

"I like the carnage on I-90 but I-93 has better cuisine." (Frank Miller, Unit A)

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"MAX TIME"
by Lisa T. Tebeau

Stuck inside these 4 walls,
my sentence seems forever,
never seeing no one nice again
like you, never.
If I ever get out of here,
I'll never come back again
but you gotta go through hell
to get to heaven. So let it begin.
Love lost
love gone astray
I've cried every night
and I've learned to pray
oh, how I loved you,
I loved you too much,
even today.
I crave your touch
here I sit
in my private hell
in what the state calls
a prison cell.

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(FRACTURED CARTOON BY WILD BILL)

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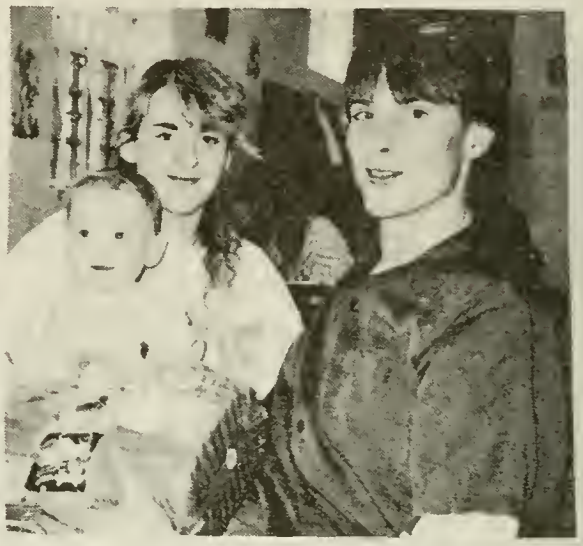

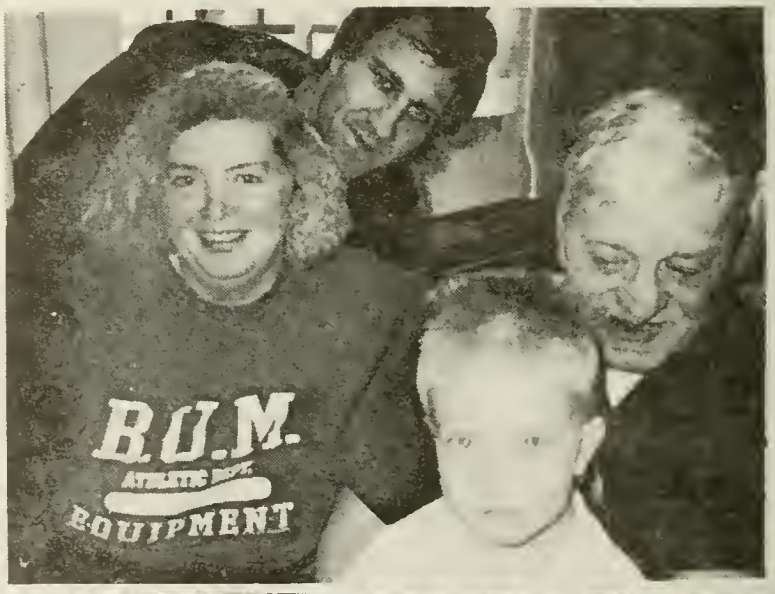

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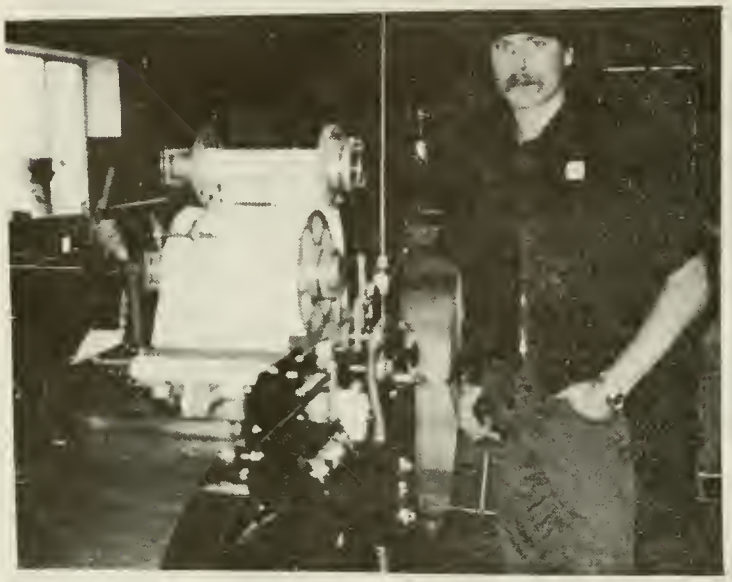
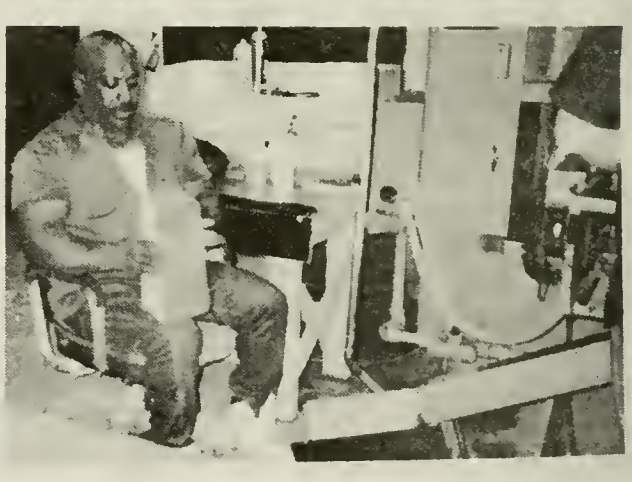




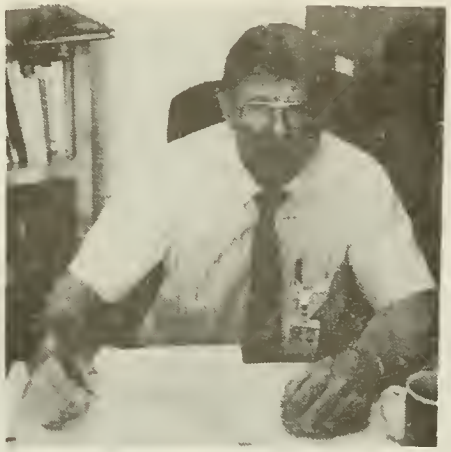
TAG PLANT SUPERVISORS

Dave Foster, left, Frank Pierce. They also oversee the operation of the Sign Shop and Print Shop in the Industries complex

TAG PLANT

The Montana State Prison started making license plates in 1914.
Originally the plates were made at the old prison in the northwest corner of the downtown institution by tower 5. When the operation moved to the new prison, the plates were made in what is now the Reception Building. The next move was to the present site in the Industries complex. Approximately 430,000 plates are turned out each year.

MSP EDUCATION



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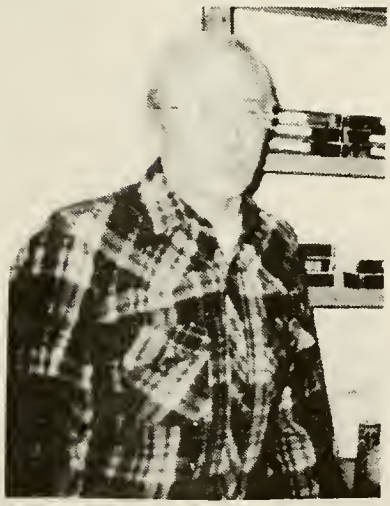

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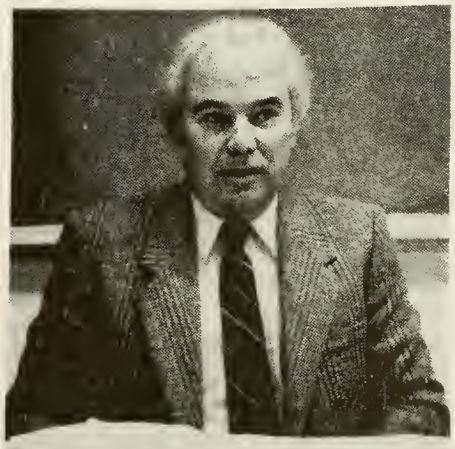

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SPORTS

M. S. P. BARBELL CLUB
Members of the high and low side get together for a power meet.

HIGH-SIDE SOFTBALL

HEALTH CORNER

OPEN LETTER TO INMATES AND STAFF

(The following is by Don Sullivan, PA-C, Infirmary Supervisor, in response to a recent flurry of medical kites concerning inmates with positive HIV, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis tests.)

First of all, the medical staff appreciates your concern regarding the diseases addressed in your kites. Their contents indicates that you may be operating from a position of **FALSE** information.

1). There are HIV positive inmates in this population. They are all under careful medical supervision and management. Confidentiality laws preclude my identification of their numbers in the population.

Are inmates and staff at risk of acquiring the HIV virus by sharing common living, eating and recreational areas? The latest CDC data states that the probability is so low as to be insignificant. Only those people who indulge in High-risk behavior (i.e. homosexual or heterosexual behavior with an HIV positive person, I.V. drug user, sharing needles or receiving blood products from an HIV positive donor) are at extreme risk of becoming HIV positive.

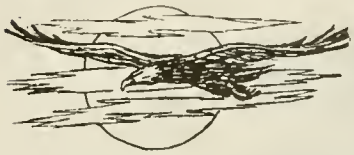
M.S.P. Infirmary has in place an AIDS counseling program with certified counselors conducting on going education for inmates and staff. Anyone, desiring to participate in this program will be scheduled for the next presentation.

2). **TUBERCULOSIS:** There are currently NO inmates in M.S.P. with "Active" TB. Every inmate who enters M.S.P. undergoes screening for TB. All Those who by skin test (PPD) show evidence of past exposure to the disease then is further evaluated according to CDC and N.I.H. guidelines. We have an active program in place for both screening and education. Further information is being distributed which should alleviate any concerns you have.

3). **HEPATITIS:** Again, we have all inmates who enter M.S.P. screened with basic laboratory studies and NO persons with evidence of active disease are allowed into population.

4). **DISINFECTANTS:** Every unit in M.S.P. is supplied with cleaning agents with bacteriocidal fungicidal and viricidal capabilities. If proper use of these agents is carried out by your infirmary swampers, the risk of any type of infection from common use areas is extremely small to non-existent.

Given the nature of your kites, I am afraid someone may be conducting a campaign of mis-information. The infirmary staff a d I hope this will help to relieve your fears and concern.



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